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**Route Selection For Alternate Paths In Connection-Oriented Networks**  
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Dear Examiner Nguyen:

**Re: United States Patent Application No. 09/636,701 Filed August 11, 2000**  
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Attached is our Response to the outstanding Office Action dated June 9, 2004.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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**Response to Office Action**

Sir:

The following Amendment and Remarks are in response to the Office Action dated June 9, 2004. The Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified patent application be amended as follows.

**Amendment**

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this Amendment.